

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING WEEDS OVER EIGHTEEN INCHES IN HEIGHT TO BE A NUISANCE; PRESCRIBING THE ABATEMENT OF SAID NUISANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PRESCRIBING THE PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND EXEMPTING CERTAIN LANDS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WOOD HEIGHTS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Weeds declared detrimental to health and a nuisance. It is hereby declared to be dangerous and detrimental to the general health of the inhabitants of the City and a nuisance to permit weeds over the height of eighteen inches to grow or remain upon any lot, real estate or premises within the City Limits of the City of Wood Heights, Missouri.

Section 2. No person, firm or corporation occupying, owning or controlling or leasing any real estate within the City of Wood Heights, Missouri, shall allow or maintain upon any such lot, real estate or premises any growth of weeds to a height over eighteen (18) inches or allow any weeds over the height of eighteen (18) inches to remain on said real estate or premises.

Section 3. Exceptions to this ordinance. All farm land, pasture land, or other land used for agricultural purposes or as grazing land for livestock, horses, or other animals shall be exempt from and not controlled by the provisions set forth in this Ordinance.

Section 4. Notice to abate or remove weeds.

Whenever any weeds in violation of this Ordinance are allowed on any lot or premises within the City of Wood Heights, Missouri, the Judge of the Municipal Court of Wood Heights, Missouri, or the Chief of Police for said City may declare the same to be a nuisance and order the abatement thereof after giving the owner, occupant, lessee, or other person in charge of said

or said owner, occupant, or lessee's whereabouts is unknown, said notice may be given by posting a notice on the premises for seven (7) consecutive days. If said weeds are not cut in accordance with the order of the Chief of Police then the Chief of Police shall proceed to have the weeds cut by some responsible person or by regular employees of the City. The cost of cutting the weeds may be made a part of the judgment of the Municipal Court Judge, or the cost and expenses incurred by the City in cutting said weeds shall be assessed against the occupant or owner of the said real estate by the Board of Aldermen as a special tax bill against said person's property, which tax bill shall be a special lien against said property and said tax bill shall be collected as other taxes. The Chief of Police shall be responsible to keep an accurate account of the costs of the cutting of said weeds to be maintained upon his records and shall certify said costs to the Municipal Judge or to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, whichever the case may be.

Section 5. Unlawful to fail to comply with notice to cut weeds.

Any property owner or person occupying or in possession of real estate, whether he be the owner or not, who shall fail or refuse to cut weeds on his property within seven (7) days after service of the notice as herein provided in this Ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Penalty.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof, be fined in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day such violation is committed shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

Section 7. Authority of Police, etc., to enter upon premises, etc., for purpose of cutting weeds.

Police officers and other employees of the City authorized by the Chief of Police are hereby authorized and required to go, in the daytime, upon any lot, premises, or real estate, whether public or private, for the purpose of cutting any weeds defined to be a nuisance in this Ordinance, when said weeds are ordered to be cut under the provisions of this Ordinance. If any person refuses to allow entry onto his private property, the Chief of Police may obtain a warrant from the proper official and proceed in accordance therewith.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

READ three times and PASSED by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor this 4 day of August, 1981.

Stephen A. Schmitt
Mayor

ATTEST:

Charles W. Crossley
City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 4 day of August, 1981.

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